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SUBMARINE ACTIVITY

Axis teamwork is being evidenced in the increased tempo of sinkings along our Atlantic coast. We see the submarine activity as a move to keep our fleet from reinforcing MacArthur in the Phillipines, or the British at Singapore.

Personally, we believe that every effort must be made to save Singapore. Both for prestige, and actual value as a base for future operations to reclaim the China Sea.

As for heroic General MacArthur and his brave handful of troops in the Phillipines, the heart of America is torn by conflicting emotions. The heroes of Manila should be given reenforcements. Heaven knows they have put up a scrap that will last through the eternal files of time. But, the sad reality is that apparently we have no way of getting help to them, and little help ready to go into action if we could get to the battle line. Like the British, our available forces are spread out too thinly to be invulnerable at any one point of concentration.

Our soldiers are paying with their lives for our unpreparedness.

As for the sinkings on our Atlantic coast, they will just have to be endured. We'll have to take it like London took it. We'll make the utmost use of what forces we have in the near Atlantic, but we must not become panicky and withdraw a single ship from the Pacific.

SAVE THAT SURPLUS

Virginians have become accustomed to sound state financial policy. We read of billions of federal debt in the same papers that tell us of the greatest SURPLUS in Virginia history. Virginia tax payers should go more "pointing with pride."

Virginia tax rates are low, and assessments most reasonable.

For our part, we would like to take a stand in favor of KEEPING that handsome (ain't she pretty) twelve million dollar surplus.

And with full understanding that by 1944, with a continued boom, the surplus should reach THIRTY MILLION DOLLARS.

When the war is over and the inevitable post-war business reaction gets us... Virginia will need that surplus a heap more than we need to spend it NOW.

Our State highway department is going to be hard hit by the curtailment on automobile use. This one department will be crying for help in the post-war era.

CAN THE ASSEMBLY RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO CUT THE SURPLUS MELON NOW?

That is hard to answer. As a rule the answer would be no. But these are unusual times, and there is some chance that the "capital outlay melon" will be left in storage, due to lack of building materials.

Keep that surplus. Invest it in Defense Bonds. If America goes under, Virginia goes under. Build up a thirty million surplus by 1945, and be all set to meet the challenge of the post-war reaction.

It will be necessary to raise some state salaries to meet increasing cost of living, and some budget increases must be made to meet war conditions. And we strongly favor giving the counties state aid in transportation of school children. But this is no time to pass free textbook legislation, to undertake new building outlay at state supported institutions, or other costly ventures.

THE MOVING MOUNTAIN

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

"Gigantic war tasks" are keeping Hitler too busy at the rear to permit him to go to the front, announces Dr. Otto Dietrich, Nazi press chief.

At the risk of seeming to give aid and comfort to the enemy, we hasten to reassure Dr. Dietrich and his boss. They need not be troubled. The Fuhrer obviously being a far mightier man than Mohammed, the mountain is coming to him. At the rate it is now moving, the Front will arrive at the rear almost any day.

A LOST ART

The Providence Journal

It took Mr. Gallup and his relentless group of fac finders to prove beyond the peradventure of a doubt what everybody knows, namely, that among us rubber- tired Americans walking has become a lost art. But how lost an art only Mr. Gallup's staggering statistics show.

Consider: Forty-three per cent of us adult Americans— that's over 30,000,000 of us— frankly admit that we do no walking at all apart from our work. Twenty-five per cent of us walk a mile or less, which is no walking to speak of. Only eight per cent of us have the hardihood to walk five miles or more a day.

This is indeed a deporable state of affairs: for walking, the doctors assure us, is the finest of all exercises. It was apparantly part of Nature's original plan for that branch of living creatures which got up off its stomach and wobbled off into the woods on its legs. And for 42 per cent of us Americans to abandon that plan almost completely within the short space of two generations is a hazardous thing.

Of course, if the rubber situation becomes bad enough, we'll all do more walking. We'll not only be without cars to ride in but we'll be— and this is the happiest side of the bad situation—without cars to dodge. Thousands don't walk now because of the nuisance and nervous apprehension about dodging out of the way every few minutes.

But at best it's very bad. Our national insides must be in extremely flabby condition. And our legs ... well! An old Scotch Presbyterian once assured us that if we didn't make the most of what we had, it would be taken from us by divine providence. What a catastrophe for almost half the adult population of this progressive country.

PENALTY ASKED FOR FALSE RAID ALARMS

Following a report of the spreading of false air raid warnings in Henrico county, the State Defense Council has requested the Division of Statutory Research and Drafting to prepare a measure providing stringent penalties for persons guilty of spreading false blackout and raid reports.

Officials have emphasized that there will be no test alarms or blackouts until ample notice has been given through the newspapers.

British jail premier of Burma, on evidence he had been in secret contact with Japanese.

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Lesson for January 25

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THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 4:1-11.

GOLDEN TEXT—For we have an high priest . . . (who) was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.—Hebrews 4:15.

"We have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15, R.V.). We recognize that Jesus was tempted as the Messiah (see Matt. 4:3, 6) and as One who had no sin, and yet He was tempted in all points as we are; and we may learn from His victorious way how to meet temptation and be victorious over it.

I. Temptation.

It is the common lot of all mankind to be tempted (1 Cor. 10:13). The strongest and most noble of men are subject to it; angels were tempted — yes, even Jesus was tempted.